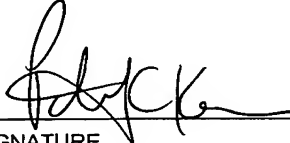


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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>General Authorization For Petitions For Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; and Application Data Sheet.</u> _____ _____ _____ | | | |

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-4800</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge <u>\$ 540.00</u> to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P. P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">  <hr/> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Patrick C. Keane</p> <hr/> <p>NAME</p> <p>32,858 July 14, 2005</p> <hr/> <p>REGISTRATION NO. DATE</p> </div> </div> | Basic Filing Fee (1631) | | | | \$ 300.00 | | Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 | | | | | | CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | | Total Claims | 16 | -20 = 0 | x \$50.00 (1615) | \$ 0.00 | | Independent Claims | 1 | -3 = 0 | x \$200.00 (1614) | \$ 0.00 | | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | + \$360.00 (1616) | \$ 0.00 | Examination Fee | | | | + \$200.00 (1633) | \$ 200.00 | Search Fee | | | | + \$500.00 (1632) | \$ 500.00 | App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets) | | | | \$ 0.00 | | TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 1,000.00 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 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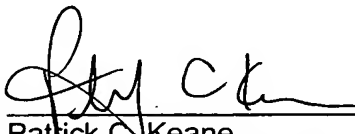
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby provided with a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request therefor for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

I, Joe Crabbs, a translator with Chillson Translating Service, 3530 Chas Drive,
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That I am familiar with the German and English languages;

That I am capable of translating from German to English;

That the translation attached hereto is a true and accurate translation of German
Application PCT/CH2003/000008 filed January 13, 2004 titled, "Tensioning element, especially
lashing straps, octopus straps and receiving nets;"

That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements
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And further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false
statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section
1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize
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By Joseph Crabbs

Executed this 30 day of June 2005.

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